



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ECZEMA AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Eczema, also known as dermatitis, is a set of noncontagious skin conditions that cause red, itchy, and inflamed skin. The condition may have significant medical, psychosocial, and economic impacts on patients, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS: There are seven types of eczema including atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, dyshidrotic eczema, hand eczema, neurodermatitis, nummular eczema, and stasis dermatitis; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of eczema may include dry, cracked, and scaly skin, incessant itching, chronic pain, and sleep deprivation; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 40 percent of adults affected by eczema experience depression and nearly 47 percent of those affected have also been diagnosed with asthma; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals affected by eczema may also experience correlated symptoms and ailments such as allergic rhinitis, food allergies, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, bacterial and viral infections, and hypertension; and
- WHEREAS: Although there is no cure for eczema, certain medications may help to alleviate symptoms such as itching or swelling. Treatments for eczema include over-the-counter remedies, prescription topical medications, phototherapy, immunosuppressants, biologic drugs, or cool compresses; and
- WHEREAS: More than 30 million Americans are affected by eczema in some form. The condition may result in missed school and work days for patients and caregivers, disability and reduced ability within a patient's chosen profession, unemployment and underemployment, and other opportunity costs; and
- WHEREAS: Each year, direct medical expenses of the three most common types of eczema exceed \$2.17 billion and indirect medical costs exceed \$927 million; and
- WHEREAS: Greater awareness and understanding of eczema and its symptoms is necessary to improve the overall quality of life for those affected; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as ECZEMA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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